

# Getting Connected

Issue 8

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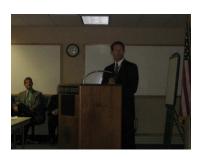
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## Fifth Annual Community Meeting

On October 29, 2008 MWS and the Trades Advisory Council sponsored the fifth annual community meeting. The agenda included MWS Departmental update, cross connections issues, Public Works updated paving requirements, and hydrant flow testing.

Updated specifications approved and signed by five departmental directors were presented. Visit our website for the details and view the PowerPoint presentation.

















Metro Water Services wishes each of you a very Happy 2009 New Year!



Metro Water will be observing the following holidays:

- \* January 1, 2009 New Year's Day
- \* January 19, 2008 Martin Luther King Jr Day
- \* February 16, 2009 Presidents' Day

Old Man Winter is here!



#### **Updated Backflow Procedure**

In early 2009, the Permits' field inspectors will be completing the testing/ inspection of meters as well as backflows, located at the same property address, with one site visit. These inspections are necessary to obtain Use and Occupancy permit approval. These changes will provide the customer with a streamlined approval process, a singular MWS contact and a decrease in cost recovery billing. The following categories are included:

- ⇒ New Construction Permits' staff will review for service availability and advise customer of metering and backflow requirements. The final meter inspection will be coordinated with the testing of the backflow device for compliance. Permits' staff will issue conditional and final U & O approval.
- ⇒ Renovation/Remodel Permits' staff review will include existing water/sewer availability, existing meter and backflow devices. Changes or upgrades that will be required will be discussed with the customer. Existing backflow devices that have not been tested in the current calendar year will be scheduled for inspection by the Permits' field staff prior to the issuance of the final U & O approval.
- ⇒ Commercial Change of Tenant Permits' staff will review for availability, determine need for cross connections hazard status site visit and complete related inspections.
- ⇒ Water Only Accounts This includes irrigation, meter deduct, blow-down meter, monitor only, flushing device, fire protection and unmetered fire services. Permits' field staff will complete inspection of meter/backflow devices with one site visit.

Annual backflow compliance testing will continue to be scheduled through the System Services Cross Connections Section.

### DEVELOPMENT REVIEW GROUP



A Metro-wide development review group has been created by the Mayor's office. This group includes the directors' of Codes, Planning, Public Works, Fire and Metro Water Services. As a result of these meetings, specifications for meter and backflow installations, including domestic and fire, have been updated, approved and signed by each of the directors. Please visit our website (www.nashville.gov/water/development) to view these documents.

This group has implemented a "Change Management Plan" that requires all departments to follow the same procedure prior to the introduction of a code, policy, or procedural change which may significantly and globally affect the permit process, real property or related construction. In addition, a Metro website for Development, including links to all individual departments, will be available shortly.